

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Joe's Automotive Service Center Inventory Number: ~~8-2002~~ CH-886

Address: 5925 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Bowie, Teresa A

Tax Parcel Number: 69 Tax Map Number: 33

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The automotive service station at 5925 Crain Highway is one-and-one-half stories in height and has a front gable roof with a side shed roof extension. The concrete block building has wood board and batten siding in its front gable. Two large overhead rolling doors pierce the primary elevation (east).

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. The Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. This, in turn, encouraged commercial development in both entertainment establishments and travel-related services.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

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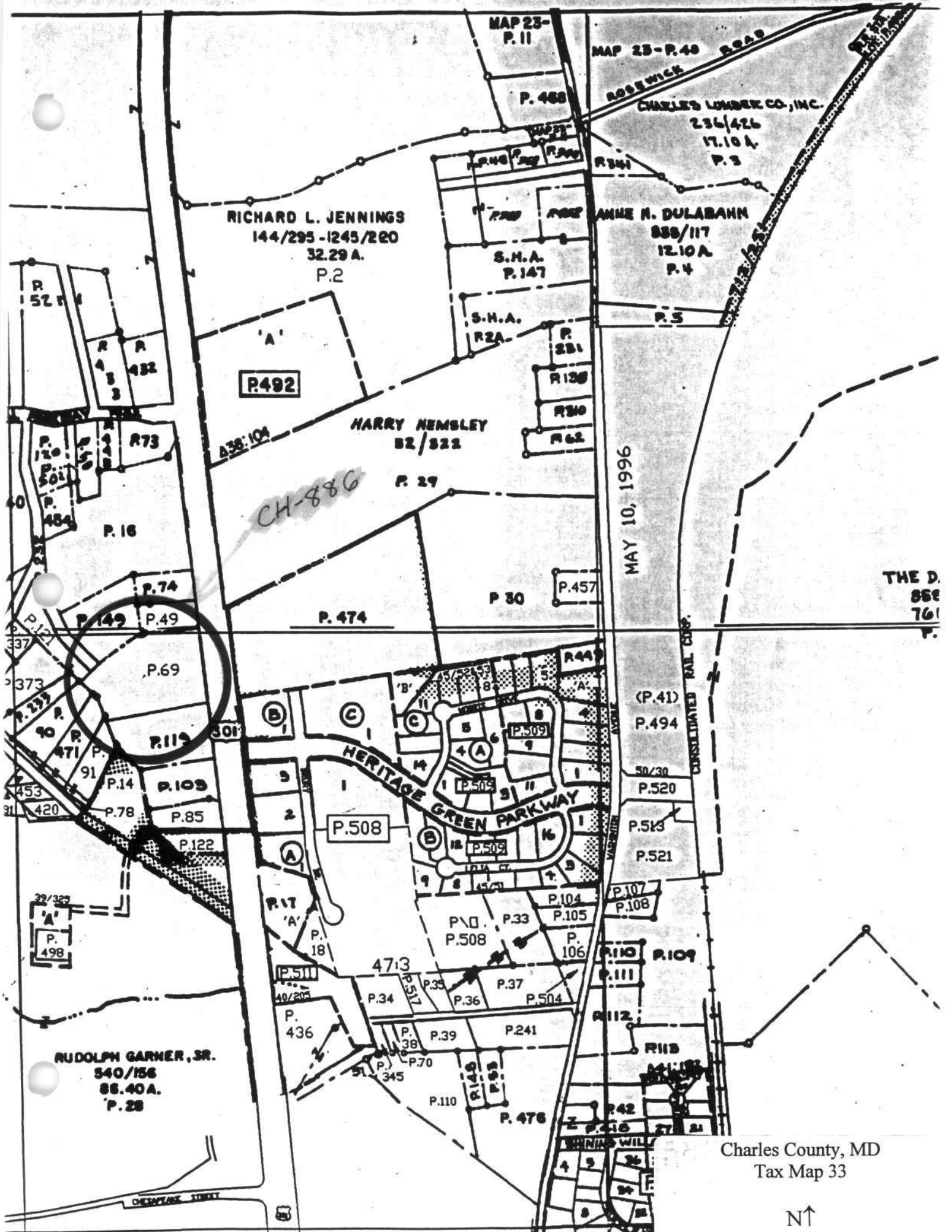
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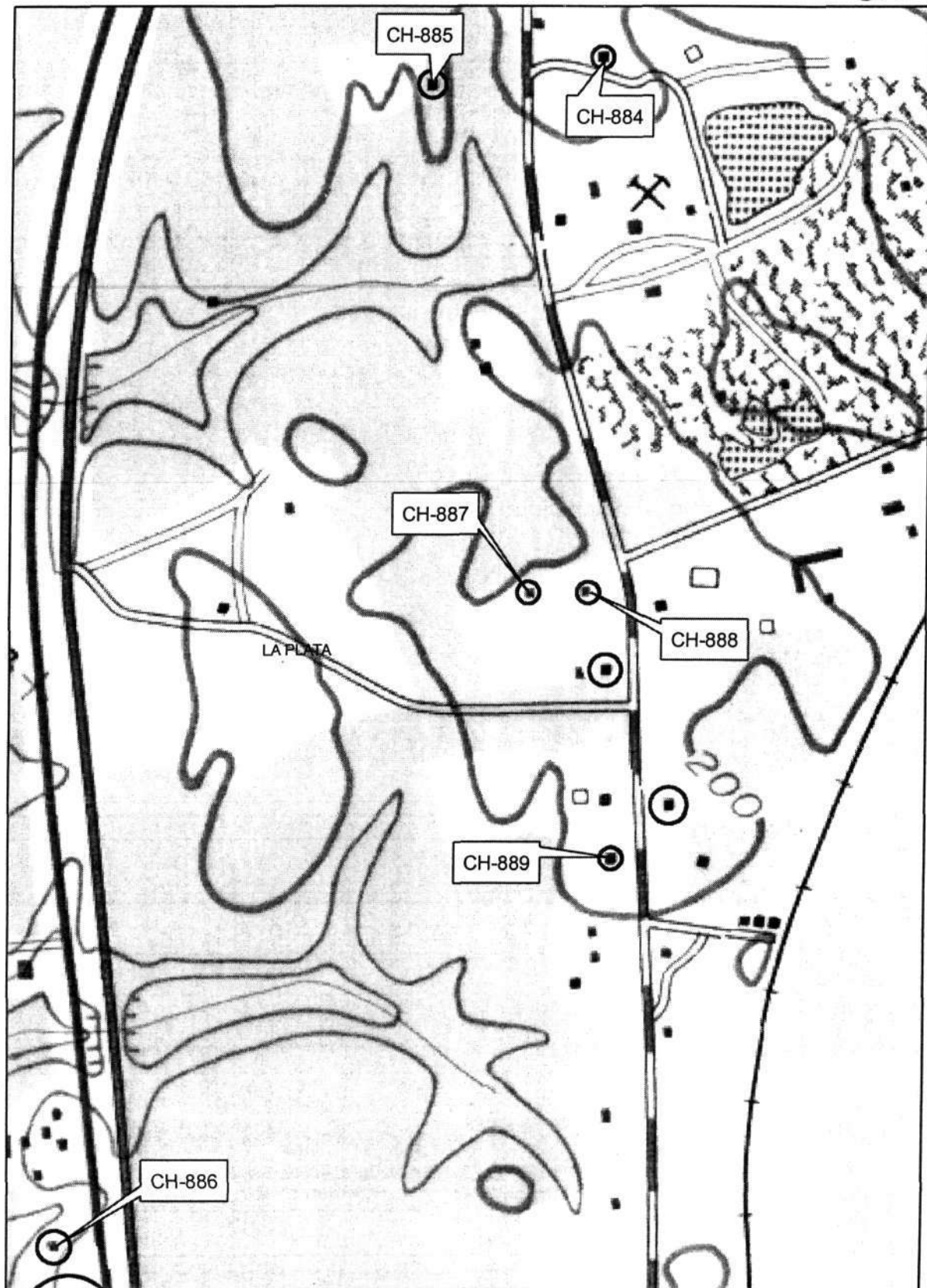
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the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1940, this commercial building is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest roadside development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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View looking west

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